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Local veterans in need of Thanksgiving groceries should call Mayor William Wild's office through Monday to register for a box of food for a holiday meal.

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Crash claims 2 lives in Canton

Canton Township police continue to investigate the Sunday afternoon car crash which killed two pedestrians.

According to police reports, officers were dispatched to Lotz Road and Michigan Avenue at about 5:43 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 following reports of a three-car, two pedestrian crash.

Preliminary investigation indicated that a 54-year-old Westland resident and a 45-year-old Inkster resident had been struck as they were crossing the eastbound lanes of Michigan Avenue at Lotz. Witnesses said the two were attempting to get from the south to the north side of the road when the Westland resident was struck by a 2013-2016 dark blue or black Dodge Caravan or similar vehicle, which then left the scene. The victim was then subsequently struck again by a Buick LaCrosse which did stop at the scene, police said. The Inkster resident was struck by a Ford Expedition, which also stopped at the scene of the incident, according to police .

> *Police have asked anyone who witnessed the incident or who may have any information as to the identity of the driver...call the Canton Township Police Department at (734) 394-5400.*

The 54-year-old pedestrian from Westland was pronounced dead at the scene by medical personnel. The 45-year-old Inkster resident was transported to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia in critical condition where he later succumbed to his injuries, police reports said. No injuries were reported by the drivers or passengers of the vehicles which stopped.

The driver of the dark blue or black 2013-2016 Dodge Caravan was described as a Middle Eastern male, approximately 36-40 years old, clean-shaven with short black hair. He was wearing a dark, possibly black suit with a red tie, witnesses told officers who said the driver stopped briefly exited the vehicle and then immediately left the scene.

Police have asked anyone who witnessed the incident or who may have any information as to the identity of the driver or the owner of the vehicle to call the Canton Township Police Department at (734) 394-5400. The Dodge Caravan or similar type vehicle should have significant front-end damage, police said.

Speed, alcohol and distracted driving do not appear to be factors in the crash with the two drivers who remained on scene, police said.

The Canton Police Department Accident Investigation Team was called in to investigate the fatal crash.

Special celebration

Last week, the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club hosted the annual Officers of the Year presentation for both the city and township. Chosen for honors this year were City of Plymouth Police Ofc. Tony Angelosanto, from left, seated, Plymouth Township Police Ofc. Jeff McParland, Huron Valley Ambulance Paramedic Scott Morell, City of Plymouth Firefighter, MFR David Tabaka and Plymouth Township Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Mallari. Proudly supporting their officers were City of Plymouth Police Chief Al Cox, standing at left, Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington, Huron Valley Ambulance Supervisor Andy Savage, City of Northville Fire Chief Stephen J. Ott and Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips. The officers are selected annually for the honors based on their outstanding performance of their public service duties during the year. The presentation is an annual tradition of the Rotary Club to celebrate and thank the police and fire personnel in the community. Photo by Dave Willett

City OK's lease of closed fire station

Members of the Romulus City Council approved a one-year lease agreement last week for West Shore Fire, Inc. to use a vacant city fire station as a fire equipment repair facility to support its fire apparatus dealership in metro Detroit.

"We're excited to be here," said Jeff Dupilka, president of West Shore Fire. "It's a great location for us."

Located at 37230 Northline Road, the fire station will keep the name of former Fire Chief Joe Crova. The city voted 4-3 to approve the lease, with council members Kathy Abdo, Harry Crout and William Wadsworth voting against the proposal.

"We need to get this fire station open," Abdo said, voicing concerns that railroad traffic could hinder response times from other stations. "We need to have a fire station on this side of town open. I don't agree with renting it out."

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West Shore Fire will pay $1,600 monthly to rent the facility, or $19,200 annually. They'll also pay an estimated $5,000 a year in city taxes. Those funds will be directed back into the fire department budget. The fire station had been vacant for about six years, used primarily for storage.

"My intention is to try to add value to the fire service," said Mayor Leroy Burcroff. "You have my word that what revenue we get we're going to try to enhance it through people, through equipment training and resources. Our residents deserve more; we want to do more, we just have to have the revenue to do it."

Councilwoman Celeste Roscoe said she thought it was a good idea, too.

"The monies are going to go back into our fire department. If after one year, it looks like we can put our own fire department in there, the building will still be in good condition and we can do that," she said. "In the meantime, it's going to be revenue we can use to improve our fire department right now."

Councilwoman Linda Choate pointed out that renting the vacant building out was a good way to protect the money Romulus had already spent on the building, which dates back to 1980.

"The city has a lot of money invested in that building. We built it new, we bought that large parcel of property. As long as it's occupied, our investment is taken care of. If it just sits vacant, it continues to rot. What's going to happen then? We're not going to have anything."

Gas line replacement set in Westland

A failing gas line in Westland will be replaced by Consumers Energy.

A series of inspections by the utility provider determined that a section of natural gas pipeline along Middlebelt and Joy Road in Westland needs to be replaced "in order to ensure future reliability for the large number of residential, commercial and industrial customers who receive gas service in the area." according to a prepared statement from the office of Mayor William Wild.

The first phase of the project will replace approximately 8,000 feet of 10-inch pipeline alone Joy and Middlebelt roads to Elmira Street. Construction is being expedited to enhance the pipeline in time for the winter heating season, according to Wild. Work will be performed by Consumers Energy employees and should be completed by mid-December.

The new pipeline will be installed using both boring and trenching methods. In general, boring will be used to install the pipeline underneath major roads, while trenching will be used alongside street right-of-ways. Lane closures on both Joy and Middlebelt will be necessary at times, but typically will be from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Restoration of affected areas will follow construction; however, due to cold weather full restoration may take place in 2017.

Construction questions should be referred to Kyle Howell at (248)794-6903 while all other project questions can be addressed to John Turk at (517) 262-8938 between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Canton

International festival set

Experience music, dance, and drama from around the world when the Canton International Festival returns to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill from 11:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19. This annual cultural and educational festival celebrates the diversity of Canton and surrounding communities.

Countries represented this year through dance, music and vocal performances, include: China, India, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, Polynesia, Tahiti, and the United States.

Featured performers this year include: Bollywood Fusion with Chinmayee Kulkarni; New Century Choir; The Tim O'Hare School of Traditional Irish Dance of Ann Arbor and Plymouth; Ann Hua Clivia Dance Group; Jade Dance School Ann Arbor; Canton Qi Pao Team; Sitar featuring Charvik Vaishnav, a student of Manjula Verma; Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan featuring Soprano Clodagh Earls and Tenor Tyler Bouque with Piano Collaborator John Pavik; Team Blossom and Ann Hua Dance; Yangtze Melody Group; Hoaloha with Melanee Hirvela; Anna Ballet & Dance; Ann Hua Waist Drum Team; Joyas de Mexico Ballet under the direction of Luly Del Real; Skylark of Novi; Troy Chinese Classic Music Guzheng Team; Julzie Gravel; Polish Centennial Dancers; Sunshine Children's Choir; Dance the Life Mantra Academy; Asian Indian Dance Group of Canton featuring dance choreography by Parul Shah; Plymouth-Canton Chinese Learning Center; Michigan New Century Chinese School and the Bollyburn Dancers.

Numerous cultural exhibits will be featured in theater lobby and cultural items from around the world will also be available for purchase during the event. Visitors will be treated to an International Sweets Table where favorite International desserts from Metro Detroit area bakeries will be available for purchase.

The event is presented by the all-volunteer Multicultural Committee of the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage.

Tickets are $2 per person at the door. Audience members can get their hand stamped and come and go as they please throughout the day. Seating for this main stage production is general admission.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

For more information about the Canton International Festival, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
2017 Meeting Schedule

At the Meeting of November 14, 2016, the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton adopted the following meeting schedule for 2017:

January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 11, October 2, November 6, December 4.

The meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Greg Greene - Chairman
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 5, 2016 in the ***First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 12.02B4 FOR PARCEL NO. 020 99 0009 000. Property is located at the northwest corner of Beck and Warren Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, December 1, 2016 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

Greg Greene, Chairman
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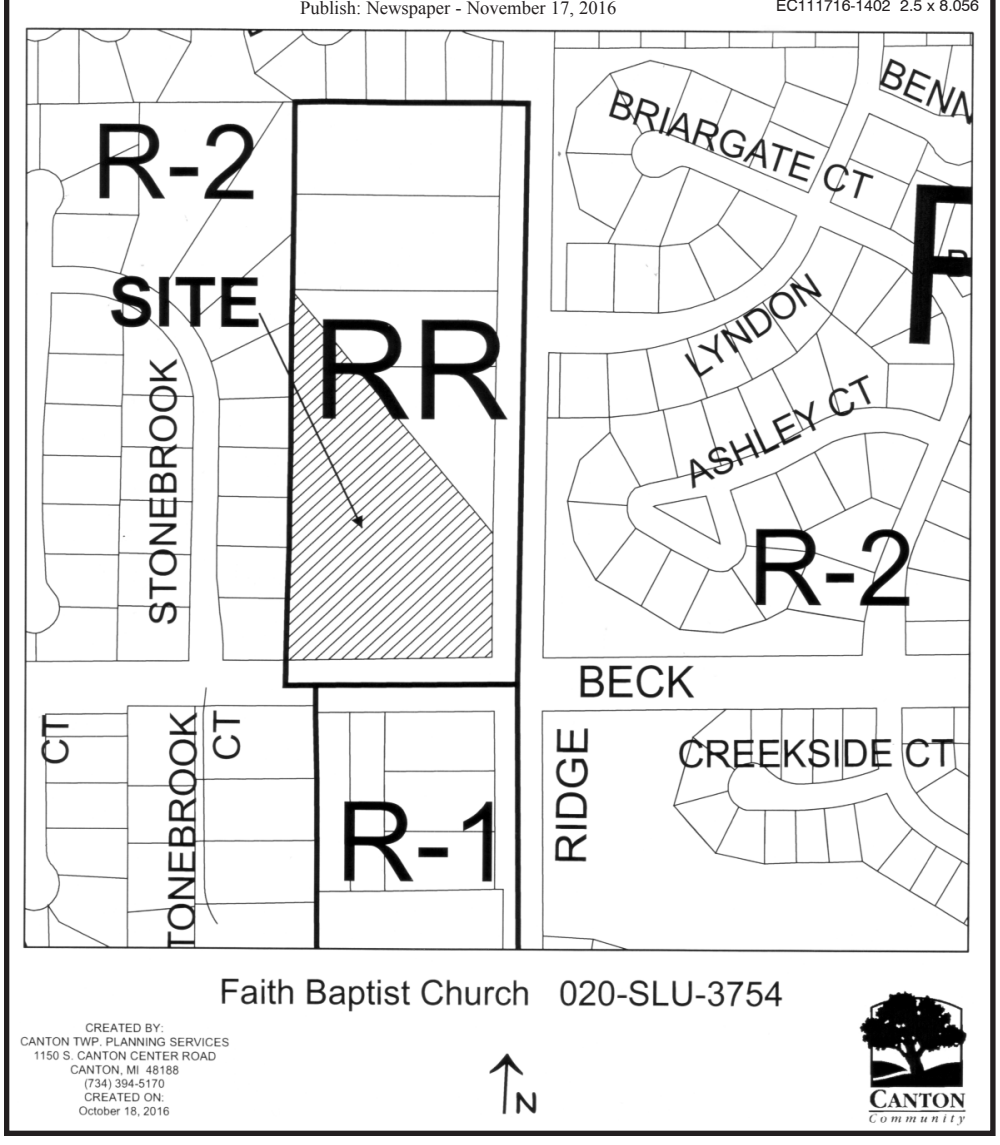

Faith Baptist Church 020-SLU-3754

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1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD
CANTON, MI 48188
(734) 394-5170
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 1, 2016 for the following:

SUPPLEMENTARY BUILDING & TRADE INSPECTION AND PLAN REVIEW SERVICES

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
DECEMBER 8, 2016

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals T**HURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Cathryn Colthurst and Greg Greco. Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes: October 13, 2016 Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Applicant Alah Baskihs and Project Representative Thomas Dumond for vacant property located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Haggerty and Lilley Roads Appealing Article 2.00 - General Provisions Section 2.24 setbacks from wetland areas and watercourses. Parcel ID 71-137-99-0001-000 and 71-037-99-0002-001 (Planning)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org
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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 5, 2016 in the ***First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.*** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A - ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 8.00 - AMENDING THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ON THE ZONING MAP AS FOLLOWS;

GUZZO-BRUNI REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 052 99 0038 000 FROM R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-4, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road and east of Lotz Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, December 1, 2016, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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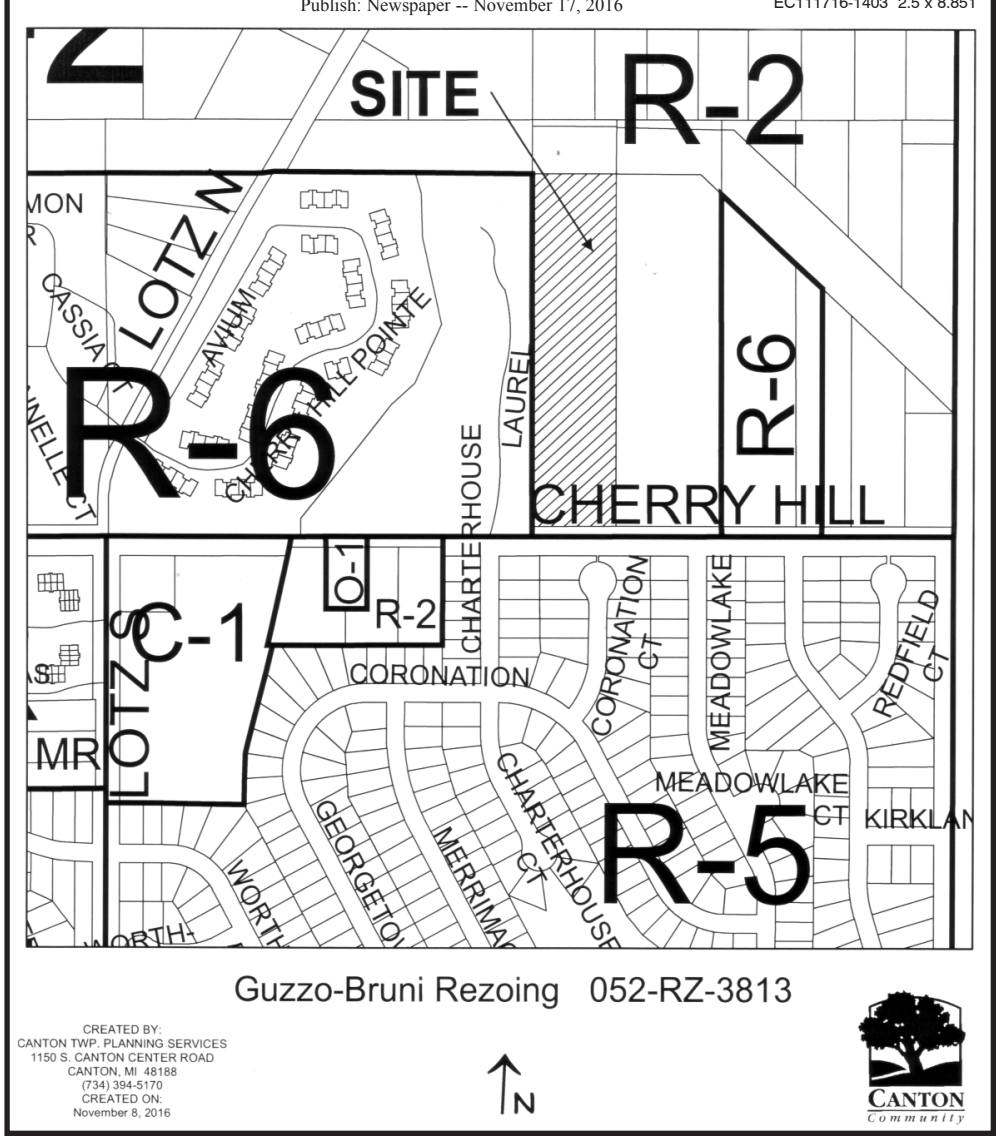

Guzzo-Bruni Rezoning 052-RZ-3813

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City joins national remembrance effort

Romulus Memorial Cemetery has joined the national nonprofit Wreaths Across America(WAA) as an official location for 2016. This is the first year that the cemetery will be participating in this national event. The cemetery will join the more than 1,000 participating locations across the country on Saturday, Dec. 17, in an effort to "Say Their Names."

Romulus must now collect enough funding to place 275 remembrance wreaths on the headstones and announce the names of all the local heroes laid to rest there, to ensure that the individuals who served to protect the freedoms of our country are not, and never will be, forgotten. This local initiative is being organized by the Romulus Veterans Outreach Committee and Romulus VFW Post #9568.

"Without the thousands of local volunteers across the country who give their time and energy to support the mission, Wreaths Across America would not exist," said Karen Worcester, WAA executive director. "All our supporters understand the value of remembering the fallen, honoring those who currently serve, and the need to teach the next generation about the sacrifices made for our freedom."

Those interested in donating for Wreaths Across America, either locally or at Arlington National Cemetery, are invited to visit the WAA website to learn more. Wreath sponsorships are $15. Donations are requested online by Nov. 28. Visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org and choose, "Sponsor a wreath with a local fundraising group" option. Then search for "Romulus VFW", or MI0129, to find the local group and donate. There is also an option to sign up to volunteer for the day-of.

National Wreaths Across America Day is a free community event open to all people. The local event will begin at 10 a.m. Dec. 17 with a ceremony and laying wreaths shortly after.

The Romulus Memorial Cemetery was established in 1832. More than 250 veterans are buried there including, 25 Civil War Veterans, and a Medal of Honor recipient of the Spanish American War.

For more information on how to get involved, call (734) 955-8964.

Since 1992, WAA founder Morrill Worcester has always asked volunteers placing remembrance wreaths to take time to read the name on the headstone aloud. During the escort of wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery last December, Worcester stated, "A person dies twice: the first time, when they stop breathing, and a second time, when someone says their name for the last time."

2 firemen graduate from staff command school

Two members of the Inkster Fire Department have graduated from the prestigious Staff and Command School at Eastern Michigan University.

Captain Benjamin Ferguson and Sgt. Eric Ramirez each completed the course with high honors, according to a prepared release from the department.

"These officers worked very hard to complete the course and have made the Inkster Fire Department very proud to have them as part of our staff and serving our community," said Fire Chief Chuck Hubbard.

"They deserve huge congratulations," he added.

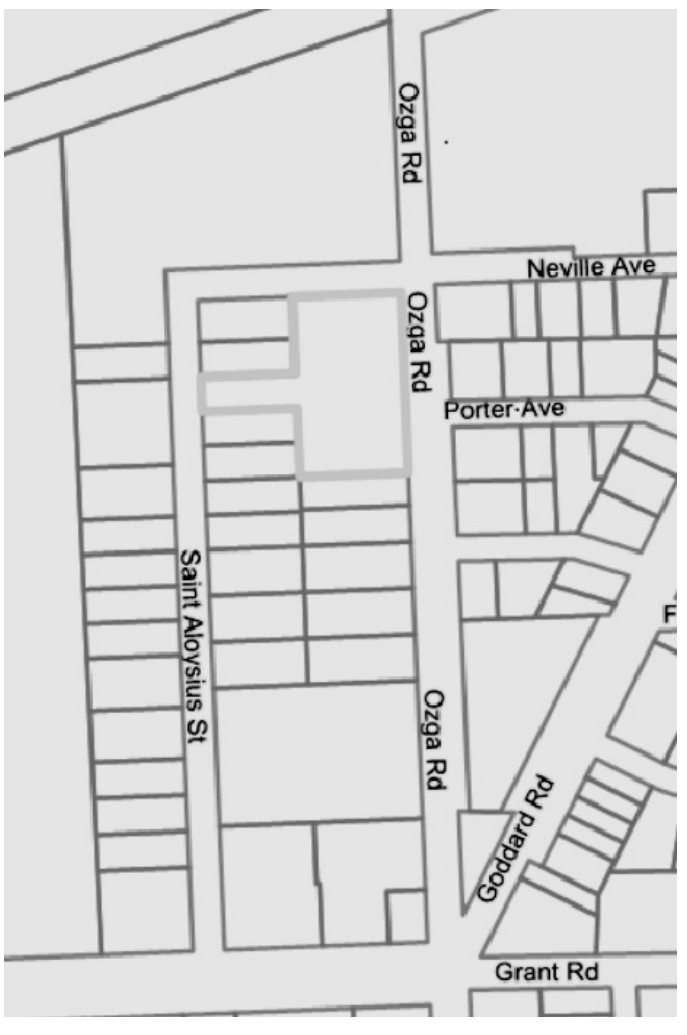
The Inkster Fire Department responded to more than 5400 calls for service last year with a uniformed staff of 24, according to the department website.

Eastern Michigan University School of Fire Staff and Command is designed to prepare the professional fire officer to effectively manage their fire agency. This management-oriented program consists of 350 hours of competency-based education spread over 10 months, according to a prepared release.

CITY OF ROMULUS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Ramsey Manor of Performing Arts
11338 Ozga
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016** for the purpose of considering use variance for BZA-2016-031; Ramsey Manor of Performing Arts. In accordance with Section 22.03(d) of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance, the Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a use variance to utilize the existing church structure for a performing arts center.



The subject property is located at 11338 Ozga. DP#073-01-0168-005. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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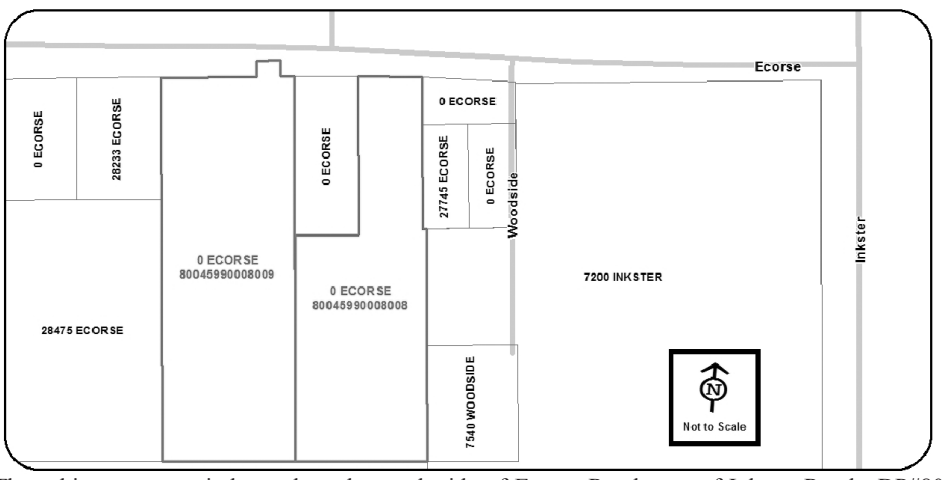
CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Mid Michigan Crushing and Recycling
Ecorse Road west of Inkster
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, 2016** for the purpose of considering an extension to a temporary use permit. In accordance with Section 22.03(e)) of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance, the Board of Zoning Appeals has set the public hearing to consider an extension to BZA-2015-006; Mid-Michigan Concrete Crushing temporary use request to allow for a concrete crushing operation for an additional 6 months (July, 2017).



The subject property is located on the south side of Ecorse Road west of Inkster Road. DP#80-045-99-0008-008 and DP#80-045-99-0008-009. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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October 24, 2016

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
1. Moved by **Crout,** seconded by **Makowski** to accept the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
16-423 2A. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 10, 2016. **Motion Carried**.
16-424 2B. Moved by **Abdo**, seconded by **Roscoe** to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 10, 2016; 7:15 p.m. study session, I.T. Agreement between City of Romulus and Oakland County. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** – Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** – None. **Abstain** – Wadsworth. **Motion Carried**.
3. Petitioner:
16-425 3A. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to grant a seven year tax abatement (one year of construction plus six years abatement) to FCA US LLC, on a $26,650.00 investment for real property improvements at their new facility located at 16950 Pine, Romulus, MI. The effective date would commence December 31, 2016 and the tax abatement would expire on December 30, 2023. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-426 3B. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Crout** to establish an Industrial Development District for Daehan Solutions Georgia LLC on property described as follows:
Parcel: 80 052 99 0001 702 Property Address: 10401 Harrison Road
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16-427 3C. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Wadsworth** to approve an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate transfer from 4LVentures LLC dba Lee Steel Corporation to Yapp USA Automotive Systems, Inc. located at 36320 Eureka Rd. Romulus, MI. The life of the certificate shall remain the same – effective December 31, 2012 and expires on December 30, 2019. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-428 3D. Moved by **Makowski**, seconded by **Roscoe** to grant an eight year tax abatement to Yapp USA Automotive Systems, Inc. on a $19,757,689 investment for real and personal property improvements at their existing facility at 36320 Eureka Road, Romulus, MI.
4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
5. Mayor's Report:
Jazmine Danci, Community Services Director, announced a list of upcoming City events.
16-429 5A. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a professional services agreement with ROWE Engineering to handle larger projects the DPW completes throughout the year. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-430 5A1. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a professional services agreement with Hennessey Engineers for smaller projects the DPW completes throughout the year. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-431 5B. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and re-appoint Maria Lambert, Administrator; and Roger Kadau with terms to expire on October 25, 2020 and appoint Kevin Krause and Jazmine Danci with terms to expire on October 25, 2020; as well as Merrie Druyor, Steve Dudek and Jill Lambert with terms to expire on October 25, 2018 to the Digital Sign Commission. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-432 5C. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and extend Bid ITB 13/14-13 to EJ Inc. for fixed pricing on water hydrants and gate valves for the City of Romulus, Department of Public Works through June 30, 2017. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-433 5D. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Choate** to concur with the administration and extend Bid ITB 13/14-14 to HD Supply Waterworks and SLC Meter, LLC extending the 2015 contract pricing through June 9, 2017 respectively for the purchase of JMC 161 (or equivalent) Fabricated Lug all Stainless Steel Clamp Couplings. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-434 5E. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Crout** to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into a twenty-month contractual services agreement for the printing and city-wide mailing of quarterly newsletters with Compton Press Industries, at the pricing submitted with their 2014 bid through June 30, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-435 5F. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and extend Bid ITB 14/15-26 to SLC Meter, LLC extending the 2015 contract pricing for an additional year, through June 30, 2017, for water system repair parts and soft copper for the City of Romulus, Department of Public Works. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
Clerk's Report:
City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg spoke about the upcoming November 8, 2016 Election.
16-436 6A1. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to grant the request from ZYNP International Corporation that the City of Romulus and the State Tax Commission revoke Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate 2013-419 granted to ZYNP International Corp., 30610 Ecorse Road, Romulus, MI on the grounds that the purposes for which the certificate was issued (manufacturing at 30610 Ecorse Road, Romulus) are not being fulfilled as a result of ZYNP International expanding operations to 27501 Hildebrandt, Romulus, Michigan. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-437 6A2. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Crout** to schedule a joint study session on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed Master Plan Amendment for Vining Road Development District with City Council and the Planning Commission. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Wayne Road. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
16-438 6A3. Moved by **Makowski,** seconded by **Roscoe** to schedule a fifteen minute study session on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the City Purchasing Ordinance. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Wayne Road. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
6B. Treasurer's Report
7. Public Comment:
A resident commented on campaign literature from the City of Inkster. A resident urged everyone to vote in the upcoming election. Jan Lemmon, Cemetery Board Chairperson, announced the Euchre Tournament proceeds were $2,118, up from last year's total of $2,040. All donations from the tournament go to the cemetery fund.
Jazmine Danci, Community Services Director, spoke about the election information that can be accessed from the city website – www.romulusgov.com/electioninfo. Gina Steward, editor – Telegram Newspaper – spoke about the Western Wayne NAACP quarterly meeting to be held at WC3. She asked about the revoking of ZYNP tax abatement.
8. Unfinished Business:
Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director, said the reason the ZYNP tax abatement was revoked was due to ZYNP moving to another address. (ZYNP actually made the request for the abatement to be revoked.)
9. New Business:
Councilwoman Abdo thanked the staff at Barth Elementary School for their annual Barth Spooktacular, it was a huge success. She also announced that the Romulus High School Football Team will play in the state playoffs with the first game on Friday, Oct. 28th at home against Trenton High School.
10. Communication
16-439 11. Moved by **Choate,** seconded by **Crout** to pay Warrant 16-20 in the amount of $11,434,962.86. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 24, 2016.

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Northville - Plymouth

Tickets still available for Holiday Home Tour

Tickets are still available for the annual Northville Community Foundation Holiday Home Tour which takes place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. tomorrow, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov. 19.

"Once again five beautiful Northville homes have been selected to be decorated top to bottom for the holidays. The style of each home is different and there truly is something for every taste. With homes ranging from a quaint condo to a home designed after a castle– this year's tour has got it all," said Northville Community Foundation Executive Director Jessica Striegle.

"One outstanding home is just loaded with unique features. From the two square medieval towers to the diamond and stained glass windows to the two-story great hall, this home is just spectacular and one you will not want to miss," she added.

Also a highlight of the tour, she added, is a historic downtown Northville home that is more than 145 years old but has been recently renovated. The home has a modern style while still retaining some of the old Victorian charm, Striegle said, "add the holiday decorations and this home becomes even more stunning."

> *One outstanding home is just loaded with unique features. From the two square medieval towers to the diamond and stained glass windows to the two-story great hall...*

One of the homes features a custom-painted kitchen while another has Christmas trees in almost every room and loads of holidays decorations throughout.

Tickets are limited and the tour does sell out each year, Striegle said.

To purchase tickets tomorrow or Saturday, visit Ward Church at 40000 Six Mile Road, 1/4 mile west of Haggerty Road. Tickets may be purchased at the church from 9 a.m. to 2:30p.m.

Proceeds from the Holiday Home Tour help fund the Northville Community Foundation holiday gifts for senior citizens confined to assisted living facilities, grants for non-profits and community programs, scholarships for students, coordinating the Northville Independence Day Parade, and operations of Maybury Farm.

The Northville Community Foundation, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org.

County pension plan fraud case is appealed

Don Howard
Staff Writer

In the 11 months since Plymouth resident and former Wayne County Airport Chief Operating Officer Daniel Ogden Kerber was arrested and charged with retirement fraud he has lived in fear that a contractual interpretation may put him in prison for 20 years.

Kerber, 66, was arrested Dec. 9 and originally faced felony charges of larceny by false pretenses, over $100,000 and larceny by conversion, over $20,000. The conversion charge was dropped during a preliminary hearing in February before 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou. The false pretenses charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

Wayne County officials claim Kerber had a severance agreement that specified that his defined-contribution assets of $340,166, held by Prudential, would be transferred to their Wayne County Retirement System. Kerber retired in September 2009 and began receiving a monthly pension of $11,337.48. At Kerber's request, according to prosecutors, Prudential deducted $62,736.61 in taxes from his total retirement savings and sent Kerber a check for $277,431.40 on May 2, 2011. Kerber continued to accept the monthly pension payments after making the withdrawal of his 401K funds and the retirement system never notified him that it believed he owed money or had breached the agreement. The first time Kerber was contacted about the issue was in July 2015 when he was told that his pension was being terminated unilaterally without an administrative hearing.

Kerber pleaded not guilty at his arraignment before 35th District Court Judge Ronald Lowe and was given a personal recognizance bond and ordered to surrender his passport following his arrest in December.

While vacationing at his Florida home, Kerber received the call that there was a warrant for his arrest and immediately returned to Plymouth to turn himself in to authorities, according to his attorney Robert Mullen. After numerous filings in the 35th District and Wayne County Circuit Courts, going before four judges, two of whom recused themselves to avoid a potential conflict of interest, Kerber's case is now headed to the State Court of Appeals.

Mullen, a public defender, said this is a case about a contract interpretation and not about a crime. Mullen adamantly states the case defies traditional analysis because it doesn't have the usual criminal elements. "It's a civil case," he said. Mullen has cited what he calls critical key issues in his appeal of the charges and claims the district court erred in its interpretation of his client's severance agreement. According to Mullen's court filings, a disagreement with the contract made between Kerber and the Airport Authority in 2009 and the Wayne County Employees Retirement System has turned into a criminal prosecution in an attempt to enforce alleged contractual obligations.

"The prosecution's criminal charge is based entirely on a duty imposed by a contract, one that's ambiguous, uses permissive language and even the judge remarked 'is not a very good contract,' Mullen said.

At the time of Kerber's arrest, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy spoke out in an unusual public indictment against him.

"This case is the ultimate example of why the Wayne County Retirement system is not property funded. The alleged facts in this case will show that the defendant's greed allowed him to net hundreds of thousands of dollars he was not entitled to, all while he received over $11,000 a month in a pension from the county."

Mullen is critical of Worthy's actions.

Mullen said Wayne County officials had to approve the specific contract clause that allowed him to transfer his Plan 5 assets. He said they had to know he had a defined contribution account "because they gave him the money."

"Isn't it odd that the Wayne County Prosecutor is prosecuting this case, are they really being objective? The Wayne County prosecutors are in the same retirement system. This is a conflict of interest," Mullen said.

The Airport Authority that employed Kerber is a for-profit entity, separate from Wayne County. The Wayne County Retirement System administrates the pension plans.

Mullen claims in court documents that at all times the funds were the property of Kerber, held in a 401K account that remained in his name and no transfer of ownership ever occurred. He claims that the retirement system knew about Kerber's severance agreement. Regular statements issued over the years showed Kerber as the owner of the funds.

"How can you steal your own money?" Mullen exclaimed.

Kerber believed that the funds in his defined-contribution Plan 5 belonged to him. Mullen referencing this in his filings states that the agreement language is permissive and it will allow him to transfer the funds, not that he shall or must.

During the preliminary court examination on the charges, Kelly Tapper, the division director at the Retirement System testified that Kerber's severance agreement was a Plan 5 hybrid plan with two parts, a defined-contribution portion (401K) and a defined-benefit portion (pension) and the defined contribution portion of the plan was administered by Prudential.

Tapper repeatedly testified at the preliminary examination that although Kerber's severance agreement allowed him to transfer his Plan 5 assets into Plan 1, doing so is impossible.

Mullen says the entire case boils down to the meaning of one paragraph in Kerber's severance agreement, Paragraph 3, and one word, "allow."

"…The Authority agrees to allow Employee to transfer his Plan 5 defined contribution pension assets to Plan 1, and elect Plan 1 as his retirement plan…"

Mullen argues that Kerber's severance agreement includes no mandatory language whatsoever, is so poorly drafted as to be susceptible to various interpretations of what he calls an ambiguous clause in the contract. Mullen says the case is not only a contractual impossibility but a criminal impossibility.

Mullen said that he and Kerber are looking forward to the State Court of Appeals to schedule the show cause hearing and dismiss the case.

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1. Obituaries

Johnny Roberts

Johnny Stephan Roberts, 60, of Van Buren Township,, passed away Monday, Oct. 31, 2016 at his home. He was born May 8, 1956 in Bronx, New York, twin son of Jesse Lee and Rosa Patricia (Williams) Roberts.

Mr. Roberts graduated from Lincoln High School, San Francisco, CA. and attended Cogswell College, San Francisco, CA and Northeastern University, Boston, MA. He received Christ into his life in 1991 after his mother's death. Alan and Anita discipled John through his illness and saw God work mightily in his life.

After attending school, he joined the Manpower Group in the early 80s and learned a unique skill set in the Geotechnical (Soils) Engineering field. He worked for numerous firms in the San Francisco Bay Area as a Senior Soils Technician. In the 90s, Mr. Roberts relocated to Belleville and joined his sister, Anita, in business. He was an auto enthusiast owning two Cadillacs, 'Betsy' and 'Pearl', and they were his pride and joy.

In spite of the many health challenges Mr. Roberts faced, he remained positive and became more determined to survived and thrive. He loved cooking and wowed many with his different meat and vegetable dishes. His love of cooking was only surpassed by his love of people. He sought out ways to extend a helping hand to those in need both in his apartment, during his stays at the hospital, and at his local dialysis center, Fresenius Kidney Care, in Romulus, where he was loved by staff and patients alike. He especially loved his church, Belleville Free Will Baptist. He also enjoyed body-building, playing guitar and loved to read. He was very intelligent, and astute in nearly everything.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his loving daughter JoVanna (Daniel) Habjan of Concord, CA; three grandchildren, Adarius, Jazmin and Donavan; his older sister Anita (David) Roberts of California; his twin brother Alan (Roxanne) Roberts of Brentwood, CA; his brother Abraham (Barbara) Picou of Ypsilanti; nine nieces and nephews, Jaylani (Ishmael) Cortez, Daniel, James (Danielle), Rachel and Joy, Jamal, Andre, Iyanna and Tiara;great-nieces and nephews Malachi, Elijan and Zara; cousins, Carmen, Martha, Rita, Robin, Tony, Pat and Vivian; close friends and brothers at heart: O'Sean Fields, Hans Solo Stopa, Mellow Melvin Moore, of Belleville, Shawn Barrett of Fairfield, CA, Bobby Bailey of Teaneck, NJ, and his extended family of brothers and sisters-in-law and church in San Francisco. He was preceded in death by his parents. ad his extended family of brothers and sisters-in-law and church in San Francisco. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services took place Nov. 5 at Belleville Freewill Baptist Church, 750 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, with Pastor Jack Daniels officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Mr. Roberts' name are encouraged to the National Kidney Foundation, 1169 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

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HOLIDAY help needed

With the holiday season fast approaching, the shelves at Romulus Helping Hands are all but bare.

Councilman Harry Crout pointed out recently that the community food pantry is in need of donations to help needy families throughout the city.

"If you look in to your refrigerator and see food, you're blessed," he said. "A lot of people aren't that blessed. They need help."

He asked Romulus officials and the community at large to donate to the organization, which is located at 37510 West Huron Dr. The food pantry is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. It serves Romulus residents only who are referred there either by a social worker, teacher, minister or other authority figure and has provided that help for decades.

For more information or to donate, call (734) 941-5323.

Belleville - Wayne - Westland

Wayne receives $100,000 grant for ball fields repair

The City of Wayne is $100,000 closer to a sports complex thanks to a $100,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

State Rep, Robert Kosowski (D-Westland) presented the state check for $100,000 to city officials recently.

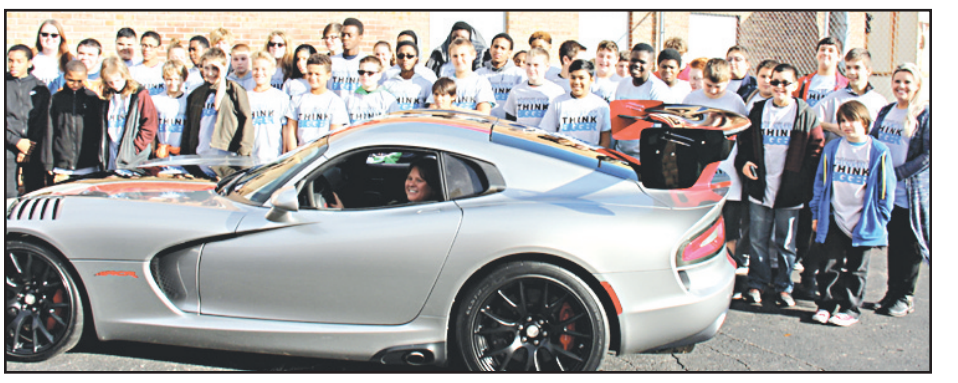
"I am proud that I was able to bring home this money to my district," Kosowski said. "By working across the aisle in a bi-partisan manner, residents in my district will benefit from having improvements done to our parks and recreation department."

The funds are a special legislative grant designated for a sports complex in the city. Wayne officials met with representatives of the Wayne Baseball Association earlier this year when the grant was initially announced by the state to discuss the best use of the funding. The money will be used, officials said, for improvements at the Forest and Waltz ball fields.

Officials said that the fields have fallen into disrepair and renovations and upgrades are necessary to continue to bring tournaments to the city. Specific improvements will be recommended by an engineering firm to be hired by the city to determine the necessary improvements at the field. The engineering contract will be a bid process, officials said. Kosowski said that he is aware that the fields need new dirt, fencing and dugouts and a total revamp of the area is probably necessary.

"I look forward to seeing the projects as they unfold," Kosowski, the former parks and recreation director for the City of Westland, said. "One of the greatest things about being a legislator is being able to have a direct impact on your constituents' lives. Hopefully the residents of Wayne will enjoy these improvements to our recreational areas."

Currently, the Wayne Baseball Association oversees organized baseball for youths through adults at the fields.



Kim Mandrelle in the Dodge Viper with Stevenson Middle School students.

Students meet Viper engineer

Whatever you think, Think Bigger. That was the challenge posed to students at Franklin and Stevenson middle schools recently during the Young Inventors Contest.

Wayne-Westland Community Schools partnered with AlphaUSA to sponsor the Young Inventors Contest, an effort to inspire young people to develop a passion for building things. Middle school students who are in the Education Technology classes at Franklin and Stevenson were invited to the inaugural program, which featured keynote speaker FCA Engineer David Bailey, the engineer for the Dodge Viper.

After the presentation, the viper was shown to the students as an example of what can be created when you "think bigger."

As part of the project, students will think of something they want to create and present the concept to their teacher. Teachers will select five finalists from each school and the top finalists will be invited to the Young Inventors Showcase in January at Schoolcraft College. Students will explain their invention to an audience.

For more information on the contest, contact Kim Mandrelle at MandrelleK@wwcsd.net.

Marijuana zoning considered

Belleville City Council members agreed only to put revising current zoning for medical marijuana dispensaries on a "follow up" list.

At a recent meeting, attorney Steve Hitchcock made a presentation to the council members suggesting that removing the special zoning in the city requiring the dispensaries to be located in an industrial district. Hitchcock explained the intricacies of new the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act approved by the state Legislature in September.

The legislation has been signed by Gov. Rick Snyder and will become effective Dec. 20. Licenses will not be available for one year following that effective date, Hitchcock said.

Hitchcock said the council could remove the current zoning requirements and not have specific zoning for marijuana dispensaries in the city.

He noted that the new state legislation dramatically changes the rules for marijuana in the state and is considered a step toward legalization of recreational marijuana in Michigan. He added that he expects that issue to appear on an upcoming ballot.

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley told Hitchcock that city officials would take some action on the issue after they had the opportunity to hear from residents at a public meeting. She said the meeting and action would take place within the next year and placed the issue on the council follow-up list.

Veterans' meals available

Members of the Wayne-Ford Civic League will be partnering with Mayor William Wild and State Rep. Robert Kosowski to help local veterans in need on Thanksgiving. The partnership will work to ensure veterans in need have a Thanksgiving meal.

Vic Barra, president of the Wayne-Ford Civic League, Wild and Kosowski will be providing frozen turkeys, along with mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce and choice of corn or green beans to veterans in need for their Thanksgiving dinner. Westland Veterans should call Wild's office at (734) 467-3200 or Kosowski's office (517) 373-2576, to register for the groceries through Monday, Nov. 21. The turkeys will be distributed from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22.

"As a veteran, I was proud to begin this tradition with Mayor Wild and State Representative Kosowski 3 years ago," commented Barra. "To see it grow as more veterans become aware of the effort is extremely rewarding and I appreciate the continued support of our local elected officials to help our veterans in need."

"This is the third year that we have partnered on this cause that is very important to us," commented Kosowski. "We want to ensure that every veteran in our district has everything they need for a delicious Thanksgiving meal to show our thanks for their service."

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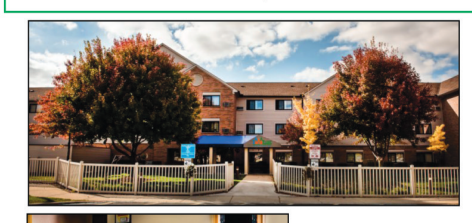
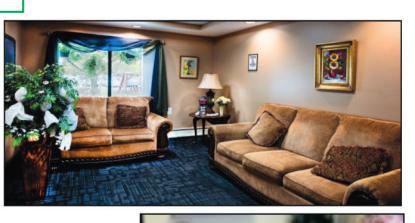

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Calendar of events

Congregation meets Sunday

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For more information call (734)740-4230 or access www.redeemerlutheranchurchmi.com.

Candy Corn Contest continues

Those 18 and younger have until Nov. 30 to guess how many candy corn pieces are in the jar at the Romulus Public Library.

There will be only one winner who will take home the jar and the candy by guessing closest to the exact number of candies in the container. If more than one entry has the correct number, library staff members will randomly select a winner from those entries.

The winner will be contacted the first week of December and will have one week to collect the prize.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Free balance workshops offered

A free award-winning workshop designed to manage falls and increase activity levels for seniors will be offered from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays through Dec. 5. There will be no class on Nov. 23.

The classes are beneficial for those concerned about falls, interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength. The Matter of Balance workshop is also beneficial for individuals who have fallen in the past and who restricts their activities because of falling concerns.

Participants must pre-register by calling the Wayne Senior Services office (734) 721-7460 and leaving a message. Class size is limited.

All sessions take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Family Story Time continues

Family Story Time continues at the Romulus Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through Nov. 29.

Story Time includes different aspects of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) depending on the weekly theme.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589 or access www.romulus.lib.mi.us.

Person of the Year sought

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Romulus Person of the Year.

Completed forms, available at the chamber website, must be returned to the chamber office by 4 p.m. Dec. 16. The office is located at 11189 Shook Road, St. 200, Romulus, Mi 48174.

Later nominations will not be considered.

A committee will review the nominations and make the selection of the winning candidate. This is the 32nd year for the award in the city.

More information is available at (734) 893-0694 or admin@romuluschamber.org.

Library sells used books

Friends of the William P. Faust Library in Westland are planning the Winter Used Book Sale.

The event will begin with a preview sale for members of the Friends of the Library from 3-6 p.m. Nov. 17.

The public sale will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19. Sunday, Nov. 20 will be bag day when an entire bag of books, CDs, DVDs will be priced at $4.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Pkwy, Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Interactive Story Time under way

The Romulus Public Library offers interactive Parent/Child Story Time for children 4 and younger and parents at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. The program is free and no registration is required. Story time helps prepare children for success in school and beyond and is presented in partnership with the Guidance Center.

For more information, contact the library at (734) 942-7589 or visit www.romulus.lib.mi.us. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

Warm hats needed

Plymouth Community United Way (PCUW) is looking for community members to donate new, warm winter items for the Hats for the Homeless drive which will continue through the month of December.

Donors are asked to drop off new hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, blankets, and socks at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, during business hours 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday and from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. on Friday. All adult and children sizes are welcome.

Plymouth Yoga Room (474 Forest, Plymouth,) will also be collecting from Thursday, Nov. 24 through the end of December.

For more information, call Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Award nominations needed

Nominations for some of the most prestigious awards in the community are now being accepted by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Leona Van Buhler, Chamber Member of the Year, Ted Kuckelman Community Service and Business of the Year awards will be accepted through Nov. 21.

Nominations can be emailed to info@bellevilleareachaber.org or mailed to 248 Main. St., Belleville, Mi, 481111.

Members of the committee will be evaluating the nominee's involvement in the community, the chamber, the schools, area non-profits, continued capital investment in the business and an overall community presence.

For more information or nomination forms, contact the chamber offices at (734) 697-7151.

Seniors celebrate Thanksgiving

Romulus seniors can sign up now for the Thanksgiving luncheon planned for 11 a.m. Nov. 24.

The dinner will include turkey, stuffing, Rose's rice, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole and cranberry sauce. Dessert will include pies donated by the Romulus High School Culinary Arts Program students.

Entertainment will be provided by Tom Slatton playing live music. The cost is $5 per person and early sign-up is encouraged. The senior center is located at 36525 Bibbins in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 955-4120.

Turkey Trot takes off

Work up an appetite for a good cause Thanksgiving morning by running or walking in Canton Leisure Services 14th annual Turkey Trot for a Cause on Thursday, Nov. 24.

All ages are encouraged to join in the fight against epilepsy by taking part in this chip-timed 5K event that will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. The race is set to start at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, and will cover a picturesque, flat course that winds through Heritage Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course ending.

For registration or information, call Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

Thanksgiving concert planned

The combined adult choirs of several Plymouth churches will present a Thanksgiving Choir Festival at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth at 4 p.m Nov. 29.

The choirs will celebrate Thanksgiving with a music festival featuring anthems sung by a 75-voice community choir accompanied by handbells, organ and piano, as well as an audience sing-along of familiar Thanksgiving hymns.

Admission is free; an offering will be requested to benefit the Salvation Army.

First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 North Territorial Road, east of Beck Road, and offers ample parking and barrier-free entrance.

The concert is open to the public. For more information, call (734) 453-5280.

Free holiday meal served

For the fifth year, the members of Living By Faith Church in Romulus will serve free Thanksgiving dinners.

The traditional dinner with turkey and stuffing along with side dishes will be served from noon until 3 p.m. Nov. 24 at the church, 7066 Waynecorse Road. The dinner is open to the public at no charge.

For more information about the event, call (734) 776-5431.

Anime Club meets

The Romulus Public Library Anime Club meets from 3:30-4:30 p.m. the last Wednesday of the month to enjoy refreshments, a craft, movies and discussions of Manga and Anime. Cosplay is welcome.

The final meeting of the month is planned for Nov. 30.

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